

Species II, illustrated in Fig(s). 8;  
Species III, illustrated in Fig(s). 12;  
Species IV, illustrated in Fig(s). 15;  
Species V, illustrated in Fig(s). 23;  
Species VI, illustrated in Fig(s). 31; and  
Species VII, illustrated in Fig(s). 39.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, the Applicants elect, Group I, claims 1-23, and Species I, illustrated in Fig(s) 1-7. Claims 1-8 are directed to the elected species. This election is with traverse.

The Applicants traverse the requirement for restriction on the grounds that the Groups and Species are closely related and that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine both in this application. Withdrawal of the requirement is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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